

# MA THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART

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The Cleveland Museum of Art celebrates its seventy-fifth anniversary over a 15-month period from June 1991 through September 1992. The Museum first opened its doors to the public on June 7, 1916, and seventy-five years later will begin its celebrations the weekend of June 7, 8, and 9, 1991, with a city-wide festival in the Museum and the Museum gardens.

Generations of Clevelanders have supported, visited, and enjoyed the Museum. The earliest supporters were the citizens who bequeathed land and money, and subsequent supporters offered works of art, funds to purchase art, funds to establish and operate the varied public programs of the Museum, and--in some respects most important of all--themselves as a devoted audience. The result is an institution admired around the world for its collections, educational programs, and service to its community.

The Museum's celebrations will be inaugurated by an exhibition drawn from the permanent collection and from the Museum archives, honoring the shared achievement of the Museum and its diverse supporters. Three major international loan exhibitions created by The Cleveland Museum of Art will follow, each inspired by a particular aspect of the Museum's collections and each, in the Cleveland Museum tradition, adding substantially to the knowledge of specialists in its field and to the pleasure of a wide general public.